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SUBJECT: "Gloves".....Information from the clothing specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The saucy little bird on Nellie's hat always looks much saucier if the dainty little glove on Nellie's hand is just right.

That's one reason we want to take care of our gloves. But the main reason is that we want them to last and last and last. Springtime or not, this is the time we want to use up what we have, wear it out. Make it do or do without.

To help us, the clothing specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture have some tips on making our gloves last as long as long as they should.

The time for us to start making them last is when we select them. Be sure the fingers are comfortably long. Also watch the width of the palm. If a glove is too tight, it'll soon stretch out of shape or split.

Kid, suede and other more delicate materials are meant for dress. Everyday wear ruins them before you know it. So for shopping, hanging on streetcar straps, driving and so on....have gloves of sturdy material.

Since freshness depends on cleanliness, the fastidious woman cleans her gloves before they get too soiled. About washing them. It isn't a good idea to try to wash a pair of gloves unless they're marked washable. If they are, here are some general suggestions on how to do it. Use mild, lukewarm suds. Do not rub or brush. Rather....work the gloves up and down in the suds. Rinse them well. Roll the gloves in a turkish towel to take the water out. Then shape them... blowing into the fingers. Dry them on a towel away from heat or sunlight. Just before they're dry....work them on your hands to shape and soften them. Then let them finish drying.

And now, here's a definite don't. Don't wash leather gloves once you've had them dry-cleaned. It just won't work.

And for every don't, we ought to have a do. So let's do examine our gloves carefully for breaks in the stitching. To mend leather, use cotton thread. Silk cuts it and pulls out again in no time at all.

